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SUBJECT: FISHERIES DISPUTE: FONMIN' S PRESS CONFERENCE

1. BEGIN SUMMARY. GOI HAS DECIDED TO WRITE PRESIDENT OF UNSC
PROTESTING BRITISH ACTION IN FISHERIES DISPUTE IS THREAT TO
WORLD PEACE. THERE WILL BE NO CALL FOR SC MEETING OR TABLING
OF RESOLUTION. GOI DOES NOT WANT MEDIATION BY LUNS BUT ONLY
NAC PRESSURE TO GET BRITISH VESSELS OUT OF 50- MILE LIMIT.
END SUMMARY.

2. FONMIN AGUSTSSON HELD PRESS CONFERENCE AT 1:30 PM LOCAL
MAY 29. HE OPENED CONFERENCE BY REITERATING THAT ICELAND
SHOULD EXERCISE EVERY MEANS AT ITS DISPOSAL TO PROTECT ITS
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FISHERIES LIMIT. HE SAID THAT CABINET MEETING MORNING MAY 29 HAD RESULTED IN DECISION TO SEND LETTER TO UNSC PRESIDENT INDICATING THAT GOI REGARDED BRITISH ACTION AS "THREAT TO WORLD PEACE." COPIES OF LETTER WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO ALL UN MEMBERS. ARGUMENT WOULD BE BASED ON ARTICLE 57 OF UN CHARTER. GOI WOULD NOT REQUEST SC MEETING NOR RESOLUTION CALLING FOR SC ACTION.

3. AGUSTSSON STATED THAT GOI DOES NOT WISH MEDIATION BY NATO SYH LUNS AND EMPHASIZED THAT NAC IS BEING ASKED TO USE ITS INFLUENCE TO GET ROYAL NAVY OUT OF ICELAND'S JURISDICTION.

4. COMMENTING ON CANADIAN DECISION TO EXTEND FISHERIES LIMIT TO 200 MILES, FONMIN INDICATED THAT GOI POLICY BASED ON 1948 ALTHING RESOLUTION WHICH SOUGHT EXTENSION OF FISHERIES JURISDICTION TO LIMITS OF CONTINENTAL SHELF, E. E., 50-70 MILES. HE SAID ICELAND WOULD NOT EXTEND ITS LIMIT TO 200 MILES.

5. FONMIN COMMENTED THT NAC WOULD NOT BE GIVEN MANY DAYS TO REACT TO ICELANDIC REQUEST TO FORCE BRITISH REMOVAL OF NAVAL VESSELS- NOT MUCH BEYOND UPCOMING NATO FONMINS' CONFERENCE. HE SAID NO DECISION HAD BEEN REACHED ON FURTHER GOI ACTION IF NAC DOES NOT REACT BY THEN.

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